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SUBJECT: COURT MARTIAL OF ANCIEN REGIME

REF: KIGALI 400

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN YOUR MAKING APPROACH TO THE GOR IN THE MANNER AND TIME YOU DEEM MOST APPROPRIATE.
2. IN ADDITION TO POINTS YOU NOTED PARA 5 REFTTEL, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS ONE ABOUT WHICH THE USG FEELS MOST STRONGLY. IF YOU THINK IT APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE PREVIOUS RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES WAS CALLED INTO THE DEPARTMENT TWICE LAST YEAR DURING THE ANTI-TUTSI OUTBREAK IN ORDER FOR THE USG TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN OVER THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE THE GOR MAY CONSIDER THE PROBLEM ONE OF "INTERNAL AFFAIRS", ADVERSE PUBLIC OPINION WILL STILL HAVE AN EFFECT. THE GOR SHOULD NOT LAY ITSELF OPEN TO CHARGES OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY KILLINGS WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO OUTSIDE OBSERVERS TO BE AN ACT OF POLITICAL RETRIBUTION.
3. WE ARE CONSIDERING MAKING A PARALLEL APPROACH WITH THEIR AMBASSADOR HERE. SISCO

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